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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3435  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
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S E C R E T TEHRAN 6019

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DEPT PASS USCINCEUR  
E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, MASS, IR, SO  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA  
REF: TEHRAN 6018

1. ON EVENING JULY 7, AFTER DISPATCH REFTTEL, I WAS CONVOKED BY FONMIN KHALATBARY FOR MEETING AT HIS RESIDENCE. FONMIN EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SHAH TO MEET WITH ME ON SUBJECT SOMALIA.
2. KHALATBARY REVIEWED WITH ME CONTACTS WHICH IRAN HAS HAD WITH SOMALIA IN RECENT MONTHS, INCLUDING HIS OWN TRIP THERE. HE SAID SOMALIS HAVE CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. IRANIANS, IN TURN, HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SEND MILITARY MISSION TO SOMALIFORE THEY COULD DECIDE ON SUCH ASSISTANCE.
3. ON JULY 5, SOMALI AMBASSADOR INFORMED GOI THAT MOGADISCIO HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE MILITARY MISSION SOONEST. SHAH HAS ORDERED MISSION TO LEAVE EARLY NEXT WEEK TO EXAMINE NOT ONLY REQUIREMENTS BUT ALSO TO ASSESS SOMALI INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES.
4. SHAH HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AND HAS OFFERED TO SHARE RESULTS OF ITS TRIP WITH THE USG.

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FURTHER, HE HAS INVITED USG TO PROPOSE ANY QUESTIONS WHICH WE FEEL MISSION SHOULD ASK, ANY AREAS OR INSTALLATIONS WE FEEL MISSION SHOULD VISIT, AND ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH WE WOULD LIKE MISSION TO GATHER.

5. KHALATBARY SAID NO RPT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN BY GOI WITH RESPECT TRANSFER OF WEAPONS AND THAT TOUFANIAN REQUEST RELAYED TO EMBASSY WAS CONTINGENT PROPOSAL TAKEN

IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE POSITIVE DECISIONS ON ARMS TRANSFER.

6. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, FONMIN INDICATED THAT GOI DID NOT RPT NOT CURRENTLY PROPOSE PROVIDE OTHER ASSISTANCE SUCH AS OIL. HE THOUGHT SOMALIS WOULD GET THEIR OIL NEEDS FROM THE SAUDIS. HE ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO RPT NO GOI COLLABORATION WITH OTHER POTENTIAL ARMS SUPPLIERS. HE HAD HEARD THAT TWO PLANELOADS OF ARMS HAD GONE FROM CAIRO TO MOGADISCIO BUT DID NOT KNOW IF THEY WERE EGYPTIAN IN ORIGIN.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: I HAVE AGREED TO RELAY SHAH'S MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT TO SEEK WASHINGTON REPLY BY SATURDAY, JULY 9. PLEASE PROVIDE RESPONSE URGENTLY, REMEMBERING THAT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ARE NON-WORKING DAYS IN TEHRAN WITHOUT COMMUNICATIONS GUARD. ANSWER MUST BE SLUGGED NIACT IMMEDIATE.

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